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In the patent application of

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For FORMATION OF WIDE PAINT FILM PARTS

Amendment

To the attention of

Group Art Unit 1732
Examiner Monica A. Fontaine

M.S. Non-Fee Amendment
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Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 26 JAN 2005.

Thank you for the 11/16/2004 Office action (Paper No. 110304) for the present utility patent application. In reply to Paper No. 110304, please reconsider and further examine this application in light of the present submission.

Attached are CLAIMS AMENDMENTS.

The present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by the underlying specification. No new matter is entered hereby.

Claims 10-12 and 20-35 are present. There are nineteen total to include two independent and zero multiply dependent claims. Accordingly, with the timely filing hereof, no fee is due.

The election of the claims of group I, claims 10-12, with traverse, is confirmed. Method claims 20-31 read directly on the election. As may apply to new claims 32-35, however, traverse is maintained. Claims 32-35 are product-by-process claims, each of which requires a method as of present claim 10. In such a case, the product as claimed cannot be made by another materially different method such as extrusion. If there is disagreement on this, the Examiner is requested to provide a reference that would support a contrary conclusion. Please, therefore, withdraw the restriction requirement as may apply to new claims 32-35.

Submitted herewith are a Form PTO-1449 and art cited thereon (PCT/US04/23824 search report - cited patents already of record).

FURTHER REMARKS conclude the present paper.